



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Homeowner's Lounge, BTI

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Terry Bender called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Terry Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

Jerry Vandergriff	Seat A	Absent
Terry Bender	Seat B	Present
Ed Hedges	Seat C	Present
Walter Finke	Seat D	Present
Charlene Arneson	Seat E	Absent

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Robert Prunella, City Manager

Jennifer Rogers, Commission Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

Dyanna Pratt

Motion: Ed Hedges made a motion to excuse Charlene Arneson and Jerry Vandergriff from tonight's Regular Meeting.

SECOND: Walter Finke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous
DISCUSSION: None

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the May 8, 2012 Regular Meeting Agenda.

SECOND: Walter Finke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2012 Regular Planning Meeting minutes as is.

SECOND: Walter Finke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION: None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. Robert Prunella did not have any new business to report.
- B. Scott Korbe was not present for this meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing for the Wild Catch Café

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair, Terry Bender, called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm

TESTIMONIES IN FAVOR OF ERADICATING THE LOT LINE

Dyanna Pratt, Executive Assistant for the City of Whittier, stated that Haihan Ye has been a great asset to the city and has obviously done all he can to abide by the codes. She welcomed him with open arms.

Haihan Ye went on into detail about the research and work he has done in ensuring that he has complied with all building codes prior to proceeding with the alterations of his buildings. He added that he wanted to make sure he went beyond what was required.

TESTIMONIES AGAINST ERADICATING THE LOT LINE

None

TESTIMONIES NEUTRAL TOWARDS ERADICATING THE LOT LINE

None

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Terry Bender stated that she is personally glad to see Haihan on board. She is thankful for the consideration he has put in towards making his business accessible for the handicap. She is happy to see children who have attended school and graduated come back and do something in the community.

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the eradicating the lot line of Lots 12 and 13.

SECOND: Walter Finke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION: None

There was discussion on what the lot should be renamed now that the lot line has been eradicated, and it was established that it would be renamed Lot 12.

ADJOURNMENT: Terry Bender adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:27 pm

B. Further Reconnaissance of the Head of Passage by the Army Corp.

Bob stated that he is still pursuing funding for this project. He projects that this project can take about a year. The administration in Washington D.C. has cut the army budget.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Smitty's Cove Park Usage

Bob viewed an ordinance earlier in the day that he had never seen before. In the last known ordinance for Smitty's Cove, it states that barge activity is permitted. Bob will work with Sue on drafting a permit program stating what is and isn't permitted at the cove. Though the permit is a temporary one, companies will need to abide by it; he will make this recommendation to the council.

Walter stated that he went to the head of the bay and examined the slope; he doesn't see a reason why a landing craft couldn't go there. Bob agreed with Walter as he also went to the location to inspect the area. Bob added that he wasn't sure what would happen when tractor trailers go down there. Walter added that parking spots will be needed since activity will need to be staged there. That is something that Bob said he will look into, of course, engineers will need to be employed to help with the matter.

B. Review of Hazard Mitigation Plan

Bob stated that the Chief of Police is working on this.

C. Zoning – Head of Passage Canal:

Terry Bender pointed out that we have been discussing landing craft out there; are they interested in doing some barge work out there as well or the smaller craft that has been coming into Smitty's Cove? Walt believes that if they have access to Smitty's Cove, then they may not have an interest in going out there.

D. Zoning – Cliffside Marina:

Bob said that the Cliffside Marina is zoned as Harbor. Dyanna questioned what is going on with the Cliffside zoning. Ed replied that he wasn't sure, but that it has been on the Agenda since he's joined the committee. Charlene would be the person to ask about this.

E. Review of Tideland Zoning:

Tabled.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

11. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

XII. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS

June 12, 2012 @ 7:00 pm

MOTION: Walter Finke made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Ed Hedges seconded the motion.

VOTE: The vote passed unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Terry Bender adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm

ATTEST:

Jennifer Rogers
Commission Clerk

Charlene Arneson
Commission Chairperson